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To: California City Managers; City and County Public Works Directors

From: George Johnson, President, County Engineers Association of California
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**RE: UPDATE - Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study**

We would like to update you on the status of the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study. First and foremost, we must extend our gratitude to those cities and counties that generously contributed toward the effort early on and ensured that we reached our initial fundraising target. Second, we must stress that even though we have raised enough funds to begin the study, we have not collected enough to see the project through to completion and we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Not only do we need to complete the pavement needs study, but we must also conduct a media and outreach campaign to educate local, state, and federal decisions-makers about the findings from the study. All of this will hopefully lead to more educated and informed fiscal and policy decisions that will benefit the entire transportation network and all its users.

As you may already know, CSAC, the League, and CEAC have entered into a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. to conduct the local streets and roads needs assessment study. We have already initiated the first steps of the study which will focus on three main outcomes:

1) To determine the statewide condition of the local system;
2) To determine the funding shortfall, and how much is necessary to bring up to and maintain the system in a "good" condition; and
3) To develop a standard methodology which will allow us to compare data amongst different local agencies and assist with future updates to the study.

The study will encompass both pavement and non-pavement assets (i.e. sidewalks, ADA ramps, curbs and gutters, storm drains, & others).

Once again, we want to thank those cities and counties that have graciously contributed to the effort to date. In spite of financial difficulties, many cities and counties have contributed—a sign of just how important this study is to you and to all local jurisdictions across the State. However, in order to make the study truly credible, we are seeking 100% participation from cities and counties throughout California, which requires two things:

First, your buy-in into the project with a donation, regardless of the amount. Many of you have asked us what your fair share of this effort should be. Initially, we avoided a formula knowing that each city and county is facing different circumstances and we would prefer that you review your financial resources and contribute based on your ability. However, should you want some guidance for a suggested donation amount cities can reference the attached chart with suggested donation amounts per population range as well as an invoice which you can fill out with your chosen donation amount. For counties, attached is an invoice, which you can return with your desired donation amount.

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Second, we need information from your agency! Keep a look out for you will soon be getting a letter requesting your agency to provide any current needs assessment information and a contact person in your agency who is responsible for both pavement and non-pavement assets.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. If you decide to contribute, cities please e-mail Dorothy Johnson with the League of California Cities at djohnson@cacities.org and counties please email Kiana Buss with the California State Association of Counties at kbuss@counties.org. If you are ready to contribute now, an invoice is enclosed for your convenience with instructions for remittance.

We also encourage you to visit www.saveCaliforniastreets.org where you can always find out the latest information and updates on this project.

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| League, CEAC and CSAC Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment | ☐ $500.00<br>☐ $1,000.00<br>☐ $5,000.00<br>☐ $10,000.00<br>☐ Other (please indicate) $_____.00 |
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Thank you for your financial assistance!